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# LEISURELY PROGRESS

## Cattle market site earmarked for cinema and restaurants in big expansion plans

RESTAURANTS and a new town centre cinema are set to anchor a new multi-million pound 'leisure quarter' to be built on the old cattle market site on Elwick Road.

The strip of land between the ring road and the railway line has long been touted as a site for expansion and plans took a major step forward last week when a deal was agreed in principle with a big property developer.

Stanhope plc, which is behind many regeneration projects in London, looks set to work with the South East England Development Agency (Seeda), which owns the 2.6 hectare site, paving the way for full plans to be drawn up for the plot.

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And leisure facilities will take pride of place as key revenue generators, before further building work could add offices and homes.

It is hoped the site will finally provide the much-needed attractions which will turn the town into a leisure destination.

Stanhope plc was one of five firms invited to bid for the contract.

It has a strong track record of regenerating areas, particularly in London where it managed projects such as the Royal Opera House and Paternoster Square, close to St Paul's Cathedral.

However, director Alistair Shaw of Stanhope plc said the viability of the project depended on an attractive retail

and leisure environment being created to sustain the rest of the development.

Mr Shaw said: "These early discussions take place to make sure that we are all agreed on the way forward. This process has been more about selecting a partner rather than a scheme."

"We feel there would have to be an early commercial phase with cinemas and restaurants to complement County Square. We are in difficult times economically but we will adapt to the market. I do think there is a proper and tangible demand for a leisure area on the Elwick Road site."

He also said the new high-speed rail link to St Pancras was essential to the town's future prospects in terms of attracting jobs and commercial landlords. He said: "Rents

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## LUCKY FOR SOME

They came, they saw, they rocked out. And they created one of the best music festivals staged in Victoria Park yet.

The 13th Create extravaganza on Sunday was attended by about 5,000 music lovers who basked in glorious sunshine and enjoyed a diverse range of music - including Los Salvadores (pictured).

Organisers hailed it a huge success and have already begun planning the 2009 festival.

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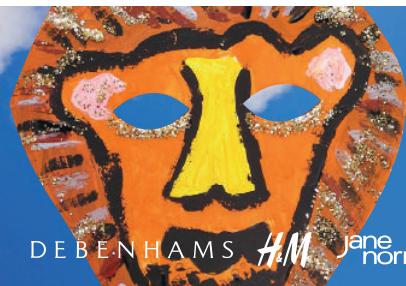
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will have to be higher, around £20 per square foot. The later phases will include offices and residential development.

"The viability of those will be stronger once the high-speed line is established and the economy picks up. There is no doubt the residential market is going to take some time to come back."

The first planning applications will be made in 2009, but Mr Shaw believes Elwick Road has to be a long-term project. He said: "Ashford is a good bet but you do have to have a long-term vision."

"You have to be prepared to be involved over the next decade."

"Many of our projects in the past have been connected with improved transport links, such as the improvements made to Liverpool Street station in London."

"That has been a fantastic success but it did take time to mature."

A Seeda spokesperson said: "Following presentations from a shortlist of developers and further consultations with its partners, Seeda has commenced legal discussions with Stanhope plc with the intention of moving them into the position of preferred developer."

# Taking credit for defying the retail crunch

FOUR months on from the opening of its new extension, County Square chiefs say the shopping centre is bucking the national downturn in retail sales.

The improved complex unveiled its new stores in March after months of building work, transforming the town into a shopping hub.

And despite coinciding with the credit crunch putting a squeeze on spending, centre bosses say sales are soaring with the number of visitors to the centre up 25 per cent on the same time last year.

Commercial manager Frances Burt said: "We are pleased the numbers of visitors have remained robust and hope this continues."

"Our events have been successful and we are planning more. It is all part of our long-term vision to attract more people to County Square and Ashford."

The centre has hosted a number of events in recent months to attract shoppers, including a visit from the ING Renault Formula One car and performances by young people at the recent jazz festival. It is estimated that the shows attracted an extra 3,000 visitors. Last month saw a

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drop in retail sales of 3.9 per cent across the UK, according to the Office of National Statistics. But even Ashford town centre's department store, Debenhams, says it has not been affected.

Simon Fagg, the store's manager, said: "It is a challenging time for everyone in retail but I am pleased to say that during the last two months we have seen a steady increase in sales at the County Square store."

Shoppers can also look forward to a series of special events throughout the summer and in the run up to Christmas.

There will be a series of Wednesday workshops during August, where children can be entertained over the school holidays in arts, crafts and magic.

On August 6 and 20, there will be sessions for children to make craft items linked to the sea and the jungle. On August 13 and 27, they will get the chance to learn magic tricks.

There is also a competition for a free makeover and a future joint project with the Park Mall centre and the Town Centre Partnership to launch an Ashford's Got Talent competition.

FANCY a spot of stargazing? Then get along to Ashford Astronomical Society's regular monthly meetings.

They are at Stanhope Community Centre on the last Monday of every month, from 7.30pm, and everyone is welcome.

The group is hosting a series of special events over the coming months including: Spotting Sputniks, on September 1, The Moon, on September 29 and Practical Telescopes, on October 27.

For more details, contact Drew Wager on 01233 503397 or visit [www.ashfordastro.org.uk](http://www.ashfordastro.org.uk).

## Back to nature with summertime strolls

NATURAL England is running its Welcome to the Wildside walks throughout the summer.

The walks take place at three of its national nature reserves in the county, including those at Wye and Hamstreet.

The project is funded with help from the National Lottery and is aimed at getting people back in touch with the countryside.

For more information and to book a place, call 01233 811205 or email [wildside@naturalengland.org](mailto:wildside@naturalengland.org).

## Clown about at Park Mall

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# Author joins fight against dual threat

## Book sales to fund sludge plant and lorry park campaign

A BEST-SELLING author who played a key role in winning the battle against massive redevelopment plans for Wye College has lent his support to campaigners in Sellindge.

Writer David Hewson, 55, came to prominence through a series of crime books set in Rome and featuring young detective Nic Costa.

And he turned his talents to helping fight Imperial College's plans to build houses at the site of the renowned agricultural college, setting up a website to help rally support.

Now he believes he can offer valuable help to campaigners in Sellindge who are fighting the double whammy of a proposed £40m lorry park in neighbouring Aldington and a sludge recycling plant on a site opposite the Airport Cafe on the A20.

Mr Hewson said: "It is a worthwhile campaign and very much the sort of thing we were faced with."

The author has offered to give the campaign hundreds of copies of his book, *Saved*, an account of the successful Wye campaign.

Half the money from sales of the book will go to the campaign's fighting fund and half to a charity.

He said: "What you do need with this sort of campaign is money,

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that is why I said they are welcome to the books."

He also directed his anger against county councillors.

He said: "Kent County Council is showing the same contempt for the countryside and rural communities that we had in Wye.

The motive behind many of these planning applications is property development and making money.

That pressure never seems to go away and people will have to continue to band together to fight it."

The lorry park has been proposed by KCC to help prevent the closure of the M20 during Operation Stack.

Meanwhile, Countryside Recycling Ltd was due to have its plans for the recycling centre – which will turn household waste into sludge for spreading on fields – discussed last night by Shepway council chiefs. A final decision will be made by KCC.

Mr Hewson said: "The amount of development happening across Kent is shocking.

"Wye has been an extraordinary example to other campaigners.

"These things can be won. People are less willing to be stamped on by Big Brother than they once were."



DAVID HEWSON: 'The amount of development across Kent is shocking'

## Heroic day as golfers head for the Hills

A SPECIAL golf day at Biddenden's Chart Hills course has raised more than £10,000 for wounded war veterans.

The Nick Faldo-designed course held an 18-hole competition to raise funds for Help for Heroes.

As well as the golf there was a four-course dinner, raffle and auction. And it proved so popular that plans are already in hand for next year's event.

Steve Craddock, of Help for Heroes, said: "We were delighted with the amount raised and have booked the venue for next year."

David Colyer, general manager of Chart Hills, said: "To have raised more than £10,000 is a big achievement and we are thrilled that it is going to a very worthy cause."

"We are also delighted to announce that Help for Heroes will continue to use Chart Hills as the official venue for its golf days in the region next year."

In less than a year, Help for Heroes has raised more than £8 million for servicemen and women in the UK. Next year's event will be on April 30.

## Tory candidate will oppose the lorry park plan

THE man who wants to take over as county councillor for the district covering Aldington has attacked plans to build a lorry park near the village.

Conservative Andrew Wickham wants to replace Charles Findlay when he retires at the next election for the Ashford Rural East division.

But in a move aimed at preventing a protest vote against the ruling Tory party at Kent County Council, Mr Wickham says the £40m scheme to ease the problems caused by Operation Stack is unnecessary.

Mr Wickham, from Pluckley, said: "Everyone in Kent is looking for a solution to the misery caused by Operation Stack, but concreting over 70 acres of agricultural land and blighting the lives of hundreds of villagers is just not the answer."

"It seems unfair to force a lorry

park on a rural community in Kent without first properly evaluating all of the potential solutions.

"The £40 million needed to create this unwanted lorry park could be put to better use, such as better communications to truck drivers telling them not to begin their journey into Kent if Operation Stack is in place."

He also says that increased numbers of foreign lorries on the county's roads is down to the competitive advantages that European drivers enjoy.

He said: "All foreign lorries should be charged a tariff on arrival based upon the number of days they plan to stay in the country. The money raised could then be spent in improving the roads in Kent."

The county council elections will take place in May or June next year.

## Stones in the park Create the perfect festival atmosphere

THOUSANDS of fans gathered and the sun shone as the 13th Create festival proved lucky for everyone on Sunday.

Nearly 5,000 music lovers soaked up the atmosphere at Victoria Park in what was hailed as one of the best Create shows yet.

Chris Dixon, arts project coordinator for Ashford council, who helped organise the festival, said: "This has been the best Create I have been involved in."

"I am really proud of everyone involved. We managed to pull off that difficult mix of thousands of young alternative music fans and families picnicking together in the park."

"We have set an even higher benchmark for next year and our search for bands and headline acts will start in earnest in 2009."

The free, one-day event, which ran from noon to 8pm, finished in style with a set from Rolling Stones tribute act the 21st Century Stones.

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## Student on six-day cycle ride for Force's charity

A SPONSORED bike ride from Dunkerque to Le Havre in France is being undertaken by Toby Williams, a student at the Towers School in Kennington.

The ride is in aid of Help for Heroes, the charity set up to help recovering servicemen and women. The charity's aim is to help ordinary people do something practical to help members of the Armed Forces recover at its rehabilitation centre in Surrey.

Toby will set off on August 1 and cycle over the next six days to the finish line.

## There'll be more fun than you can shake a stick at

FANS of traditional dance will be able to see more than 30 different dance troops at this year's Tenterden Folk Festival.

Groups at the festival, which starts on October 3, will be performing the many different styles of Morris dancing including North West Clog and Longsword.

There will be Appalachian dancers, Scottish dancers, Maypole dancers, Irish dancers and even Slovakian dancers.

For more information about the festival visit [www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk](http://www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk).

## Public recognition earns restaurant silver award

STAFF at Bybrook Barn Garden Centre's restaurant have been given a silver award for the quality of the service.

The store entered the Greatest Garden Centre competition, voted on by the public, and picked up silver for the south east region. Nearly 300 garden centres took part.

Neil Collins, owner of the Bybrook Pavilion Restaurant, said: "It is pleasing to know our customers feel the service, food and overall experience of the restaurant is so positive they were happy to vote for us."

## Crowds wowed by street boarders in competition

SIXTY skateboarders and BMX riders took part in a Sk8side event recently.

A crowd of 200 people came to admire the stunts and tricks on display at the facility next to the car park of the Stour Centre.

This was the first of several competitions throughout July and August organised by Revolution, a skate park, surfing and climbing centre based in Broadstairs. Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust funded the event, with management from the Ashford Skate Park Foundation and Ashford council.

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# New author follows in steps of boyhood hero Bill's Bond is his word in new venture

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says was good preparation for writing the book.

He said: "I have been to North and South America, Africa, the Middle East and Far East, you name it I have been there."

Mr Vidal was born in Argentina and educated in the UK.

He said his interest in the thriller genre has been with him all his life.

He said: "Right from my schoolboy days reading James Bond I loved them. I have spent a lot of time in airports and hotel rooms reading these kinds of books. I always felt that I could write one too."

### Contract

The author is a keen amateur pilot and is one of the directors of the Aero Club at the airport at Lydd.

He has written newspaper articles on planes and is a regular feature writer for a leading flying magazine.

He said: "Writing fiction is something that I always wanted to do and when I eventually



**A NOVEL APPROACH:** Bill Vidal was inspired to write his book after years of interest in the thriller genre

had the time I decided to go ahead and do it.

"In real terms it probably took about six months, but I could only write at weekends and evenings, so it took about two and a half years."

Rights of the book have already been sold for other countries including Russia and Germany and Mr Vidal says he already has a contract for his next novel.

He said: "This is something I want to continue doing. My next book is called 'The Aztec' and is well under way."

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## Junction 10a passes first hurdle

THE town's top decision-makers have given the green light to plans for the proposed £90 million M20 junction 10a.

Highway Agency plans would see the junction built close to the existing junction 10, easing congestion on that roundabout and providing better access to the south of the town in a bid to aid growth.

Now councillors have agreed to support the Highways Agency's preferred layout which involves the construction of a new roundabout east of the existing Junction 10 connecting directly to the A20 Hythe Road and a new link back to the A2070.

The new link road will also provide access to the proposed development area at Sevington. A new pedestrian and cycle bridge will also be constructed between Kingsford Street and the A20.

Cllr John Kemp, portfolio holder for planning and development, said: "The scheme represents a vital step towards realising Ashford's potential for new development and investment and is fundamental for meeting the town's growth aspirations."

It is planned to be completed by 2013.

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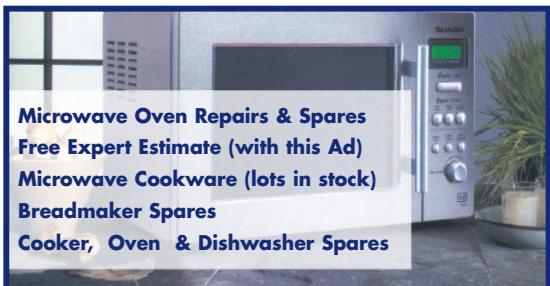
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# Pub's branch of smuggler relative's family tree

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A DISTANT Australian relative of one of the area's most notorious smugglers has retraced her family back to the Walnut Tree pub in Aldington.

Georgina Ransley, 18, from Tasmania can follow her family tree back eight generations to George Ransley.

He was leader of the Aldington Gang who carried out their illegal trade at the time of the Napoleonic Wars.

And last week Miss Ransley paid a special visit to the pub.

She said: "Up until I was aged 12 I was totally unaware of my family's dubious ancestry.

"I remember that I didn't find out until I came home with a family history project for school. That night my parents told me all about it and the following morning I walked proudly into school and told anyone who would listen that I was a descendant of a rum smuggling convict from England."

The gang had used the pub, which can trace its history back to the time of Richard II, as its headquarters and drop-off point for smuggled liquor.

At one point there were nearly 300 men involved in the illegal trade.

## Brandy run

George Ransley was eventually caught, narrowly avoiding the noose.

In 1827 he was transported to Van Damien's Land, now known as Tasmania.

Miss Ransley has spent the last 10 months on an exchange programme living with a family in Leicester.

And while in the UK she took the chance to get in touch with the pub's current landlady Karen Barrett who helped organise the visit.

She also visited Bourne Tap in Aldington, a house the smuggler had bought from the proceeds of his first brandy run.

George Ransley's descendants still live in



SIGNPOSTED: Georgina paid a special trip to the pub after retracing her ancestor, smuggler George Ransley

Tasmania and have also spread to other parts of Australia.

Miss Ransley said: "There was once a time in Australia when any links with convicts would have been kept along with the other skeletons in the closet, but now things have changed and many descendants of convicts are very proud of their heritage and even more are vigorously researching their family tree."

Landlady of the pub, Karen Barrett said: "Since we took over the pub we have made a feature of the pub's history. Georgina was thrilled to see it."

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## Tenterden entertainment for all the family

LIVE music filled the air in Tenterden on Sunday as the Recreation Ground played host to free open-air showcase Tenterertainment.

Amid a wide selection of bands performing, there were acts from the Kent Circus School as well as a range of local food and drink.

Julie Maddocks visited the site prior to the big day to get a taste of what was to come.

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### More twists and turns as roadworks to hit traffic

BRACE yourself for yet more road confusion – after details were revealed of the latest changes to town centre traffic routes.

Kent Highways has announced changes to the town centre traffic flow scheme to allow building work to carry on in West Street and Godinton Road.

From August 4, Regents Place will be opened up to traffic at its junction with Forge Lane. Traffic using the temporary one-way system will be diverted into Regents Place and Apsley Street in a one-way direction.

The system will remain in place until the end of October.

On the same day, Bank Street will be opened up to traffic using the temporary one-way system via a left turn off Elwick Road.

On August 25, Elwick Road will become open to two-way traffic between Church Road and Bank Street. This means that buses will go back to using Bank Street.

Tufton Street, Bank Street and Church Road will revert back to the one-way system in place before the ring road project started.

### Micro businesses can get valuable help from agency

A WORKSHOP aimed at owners of small businesses will be held at Eastwell Manor on August 27. The event is being organised by support agency Business Link.

The half-day workshop is free for self-employed or owner managers with no more than two full-time employees.

Richard Green, from Business Link, said: "With so much to juggle, owner-managers of micro businesses can find that proper planning for future growth is neglected."

More workshops will be later in the year. To book a place call 0845 600 9006.

### Beer festival is raising a glass for sports pavilion

SMARDEN will be holding its eighth annual beer festival on August 1-3. There will be more than 20 different real ales and ciders on show for thirsty visitors to try.

The event will be held in the garden of the Chequers pub on The Street.

On Friday night live music will be provided by The Dealers and, on Saturday night, Nina Clark.

Linda Saunders, who is helping to organise the event, said: "The festival is organised to raise funds for a new sports pavilion. We have recently received planning permission so it is all systems go to raise the funds."

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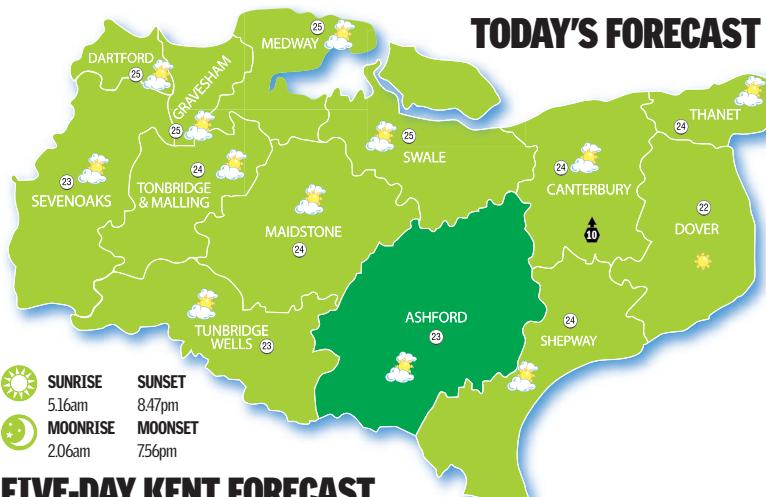
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| <b>Chatham</b>    | Saturday | 12:36pm | 5.6m |
|                   | Sunday   | 1:29pm  | 5.9m |
| <b>Dover</b>      | Saturday | 11:03am | 6.2m |
|                   | Sunday   | 11:52am | 6.5m |
| <b>Dungeness</b>  | Saturday | 10:53am | 6.9m |
|                   | Sunday   | 11:46am | 7.3m |
| <b>Ramsgate</b>   | Saturday | 11:33am | 4.8m |
|                   | Sunday   | 12:22pm | 5.0m |
| <b>Sheerness</b>  | Saturday | 12:25pm | 5.4m |
|                   | Sunday   | 1:19pm  | 5.6m |
| <b>Whitstable</b> | Saturday | 12:32pm | 5.0m |
|                   | Sunday   | 1:26pm  | 5.3m |

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

|            | Thur | Fri  | Sat  | Sun  | Mon  |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Ashford    | 21°C | 24°C | 26°C | 23°C | 21°C |
| Canterbury | 22°C | 24°C | 24°C | 22°C | 22°C |
| Chatham    | 21°C | 23°C | 24°C | 22°C | 21°C |
| Dartford   | 22°C | 26°C | 27°C | 24°C | 22°C |
| Dover      | 20°C | 21°C | 21°C | 20°C | 19°C |
| Faversham  | 21°C | 23°C | 24°C | 22°C | 21°C |
| Folkestone | 20°C | 21°C | 21°C | 20°C | 19°C |
| Gillingham | 21°C | 23°C | 24°C | 22°C | 21°C |

|               | Thur | Fri  | Sat  | Sun  | Mon  |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Gravesend     | 22°C | 26°C | 27°C | 24°C | 22°C |
| Maidstone     | 22°C | 25°C | 27°C | 24°C | 22°C |
| Ramsgate      | 22°C | 24°C | 24°C | 22°C | 22°C |
| Rochester     | 21°C | 23°C | 24°C | 22°C | 21°C |
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FARMERS are being urged to ensure tractors and trailers are properly maintained after a new crackdown by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The government agency wants to cut the number of accidents involving mobile farm equipment used both in fields and on the roads during this year's harvest period.

According to the HSE, over the last five years farm vehicles and machinery have been the cause of 22 major injuries and four deaths in the county.

Over the next two months the HSE will team up with Kent Police and VOSA (the Vehicle & Operator Services Agency) to carry out random checks of vehicles both in fields and on the roads to ensure they are in a good state of repair and are safe.

### Maintained

HSE will be promoting the use of the BAGMA (British Agricultural and Garden Machinery Association) vehicle health check scheme during any spot checks undertaken as part of the campaign.

Mike Walters, HSE principal inspector in Kent, said: "A well maintained vehicle being driven by a competent person should be safe to use both on the farm and on the road."

"By adopting the BAGMA vehicle health check scheme, farmers will be able to ensure their tractors and trailers are maintained in safe working order and are roadworthy."

"From our experience, more than 50 per cent of vehicles have been found to be unsafe and taken out of use."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SARAH BILLIAUD



**Q&A**

Sarah Billiaud, new chief officer for Kent Probation, talks to **Gary Wright** about her job, her previous role as deputy director of the Home Affairs team in the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit – and her love of Fulham

**Q** What are you bringing to your new role at Kent Probation from your work at the centre of Government?

**A** At the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit I worked on crime reduction and reducing re-offending, liaising with agencies from across government including the police, prisons, education, housing and health.

I focussed on identifying barriers to delivery and generating ways of breaking down these barriers.

This national experience has helped me understand the range of partners needed to reduce re-offending – a key priority for probation – and how best to jointly improve the safety of everyone in Kent.

**Q** Did you enjoy the cut and thrust of politics while working for Tony Blair and Gordon Brown – or try to escape it as much as possible?

**A** As a general rule I try and avoid politics and focus on service delivery. The good thing about my previous role was, although located at the heart of government, its focus was on delivering real outcomes for citizens.

But it did involve writing lots of reports and after a while I got bored of writing about it and wanted to deliver it.

**Q** What is the biggest misconception about the Criminal Justice System?

**A** That the only way to punish offenders is to send them to prison. In fact, there are a range of options available to sentence and the evidence shows that working with offenders intensively in the community is more effective in reducing repeat offending than short-term prison sentences.

This is because it combines punishment over a long period of time, for example two years as opposed to a six-month prison term, with work to help offenders gain employment and change their offending behaviour.

**Q** Aren't community sentences little more than a slap on the wrist?

**A** No. Because an offender might have to report to probation five times a week; their liberty could be curtailed with a tag; they might be performing unpleasant unpaid work in the community thus losing their free time and giving something back to the community at the same time.

**Q** How on earth did Roy Hodgson manage to save Fulham from premiership relegation?

**A** By building a good team and playing decent football (no more route one, thank you Mr Sanchez) and Jimmy Bullard and Brian McBride coming back from injury. Plus a little bit of luck!

**Q** Tell me something most people do not know about you.

**A** I feature on a number of classical CDs as a singer with a choir called the Holst Singers. Our latest CD, a collection of Estonian folk songs by Tormis, has just been favourably reviewed on BBC Radio 3.

Available for £12.99 on Amazon and in all good music shops!

**Q** We are told that crime is falling, but it feels like it is rising – particularly violent crime. What is the truth?

**A** The truth is that there has been a 16 per cent decrease in overall crime since 2003. This figure comes from the latest British Crime Survey, which is extremely reliable as it asks people if they have experienced crime.

Also, the number of crimes recorded by the police fell by 12 per cent between October and December 2007 compared with the same quarter a year earlier.

In particular, robbery fell by 21 per cent and most serious violence against the person by 15 per cent.

The reasons for the gap between these facts and public perception are complex and probably related to media messages around crime, the rise of terrorism and wider anti-social behaviour.

**Kent Probation Area is one of the largest probation services in England and Wales.**

**Every year the Kent service supervises around 5,000 offenders on punishment and rehabilitation orders, punishment orders and licences and prepares around 5,500 reports for the courts.**

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# Demelza taking its show on the road

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Demelza Hospice Care for Children Lottery is taking part in a road show across the county.

As well as making people aware of the charity's work with terminally-ill children, it will give visitors the chance to join in a weekly draw which could net them a £1,000 jackpot.

There are 52 other weekly prizes on offer for just a £1 weekly stake and all money raised goes towards Demelza's vital work in caring for terminally-ill children, giving them as many rich experiences as possible and assisting in their families.

There are 450 sick children and their families currently being cared for by the dedicated staff who work for the hospice which offers residential care, a hospice-at-home service, emergency respite for families, therapy treatment and bereavement care.

### Guidance

Visiting a community gives residents the chance to understand what Demelza offers those children who have conditions which, ultimately, will take their lives.

Staff are on hand to answer questions and anyone who wants to assist in any way at all can get guidance and advice.

The lottery road show will be in Fremlins Walk, Maidstone, on Saturday, Herne Bay town centre on Sunday, Gravesend town centre on September 11, 12, and 18, Dartford on October 9, Whitefriars, Canterbury on October 24 and 25, and Ashford town centre on November 4.

Demelza also celebrates its tenth birthday this year with a special event – supported by KOS Media – set to take place at Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium on September 25.

Spokeswoman, Sue Piper, said: "We are going to celebrate in style and want people to come along and join the fun – so contact us now to secure your place."



**PARTY TIME:** Demelza House will celebrate its 10th birthday with a special event at Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium

A number of fund-raising campaigns are being held alongside the party.

Former England football star Gary Lineker, who is a vice president of the charity, said: "Demelza has grown a lot in the last ten years and now cares for more than 450 children and families across the South East.

"But there are so many more the charity can reach with your support."

As part of the birthday celebrations, the charity is asking for volunteers to take a cardboard clown coin holder which holds ten one pound pieces and fill it up.

All fund-raising efforts will ensure the work of the organisation, which is based at Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, continues to go ahead.

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# Is this the best Kent can come up with?

AN ARTIST'S design for a 50ft sculpture of a white stallion has been given the thumbs down by the Kent public.

Now the county council has stepped in to offer a suggestion for an iconic statue to match the Angel of the North: another horse.

The original vision by Turner Prize winner Mark Wallinger is tipped to become the £2 million Angel of the South, which would stand near Ebbsfleet International station. It was one of a series of designs looking to represent the area and be visible for miles, alongside Ebbsfleet Station, near Gravesend.

But Kent County Council, unhappy with Wallinger's proposal, commissioned their own Invicta horse design in an effort to get more people to support the white horse idea. And this week it claimed 89 per cent of people at the county show preferred its design, by artist Graham Clarke, from Boughton Monchelsea.

Cllr Alex King, deputy leader of KCC, said: "The results have been overwhelming. We support the basic concept, but like the people of Kent, we want a horse more in keeping with our tradition."

An exhibition of five sculptures by commissioned artists, including Wallinger's White Horse, is on show at Bluewater.

The proposed landmark, paid for by Eurostar, London and

Continental Railways and Land Securities, is intended to be a memorable welcome to travellers.

The final decision will be made by a committee chaired by Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Alan Willett, this autumn.

• What do you think? Is the white horse too simple? Is there another icon to represent our county? Write to us at [editorial@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:editorial@kosmedia.co.uk) or leave your comments on our web page.



NO ANGEL: KCC insist their Invicta horse, bottom, is the popular public choice over Mark Wallinger's White Horse

## Africans call for gay cleric's resignation

CONTROVERSIAL gay cleric Gene Robinson who lectured at an isolated church on Romney Marsh should be dismissed from his post as Bishop of New Hampshire, USA, according to leading African Anglicans.

The move appears to have wrecked any chance of a reconciliation within the church, which has been rocked by Bishop Robinson's appointment.

He is the only non-celibate homosexual to hold a senior Anglican post.

More than 200 church leaders have boycotted the current Lambeth Conference in protest over the issue.

The demand for Bishop Robinson's removal was formally issued by Sudanese clerics, who claimed they were representing a further 200 leading figures from churches in the developing world, especially Africa.

In a statement issued to church leaders in the name of Sudanese church leader the Most Reverend Daniel Deng they stated sex should be confined to being between a man and a woman.

"We require all those who live in the ministry of the church to live according to this standard and cannot accept church leaders whose practice is contrary to this," it said.

In a talk at St Rumwold's Church, Bonnington, Bishop Robinson - who has a bodyguard and wears a bullet proof jacket - told an audience he felt that attitudes to homosexuality as stated in the Bible need to be reinterpreted in the light of the cultural conditions which existed at the time they were written.

He added that he felt a 21st century church should be inclusive to all those who wish to be a part of it - not exclude a certain group of people for one reason.



GAY: Bishop Gene Robinson

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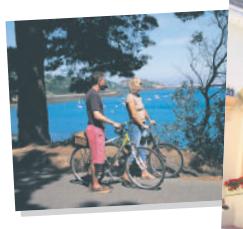
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**THE CHINESE WAY:** Pupil Aliyah tries her hand at plate spinning at Sellindge Primary School

■ BY ED HILL

THERE was an international feel at Sellindge Primary School when pupils got involved in a special week near the end of term.

The foreign outlook was all part of the school's annual dance and drama week, which incorporated a variety of acting and dance performances as well as arts projects.

Monday was China Day. Ling, a Chinese performer who has appeared on the children's television show Tikkabilla, showed youngsters how to dance with ribbons and fans, spin plates and catch diablos. Chinese art projects were also taken on by each class to complement the theme of the day.

Africa Day followed on Tuesday, including lessons in South African gumboot dances, with the children stomping around in their wellingtons.

On Wednesday, the Splash Theatre Company joined pupils to help them put on a production of Treasure Island. Children had

to rehearse and put on the show in just one day. Each class was given a scene to perform, with direction from the actors.

Props and costumes were also prepared by the children and staff so they could perform the show for parents at the end of the day.

Teaching assistants Ann Brinan and Raye Warner instructed the school in the art of salsa dancing on Thursday.

The dancers created quite a sight, with women staff and the girls wearing dresses and skirts, and the boys donning brightly coloured shirts. The finale was a display of the dances learned throughout the day by the different classes.

The final day of the week started with a Latin and ballroom dancing spectacular. Joseph Terrett, a year five pupil, demonstrated his skills with dance partner Georgie.

This was followed by the dance club show. Boys and girls had been learning a selection of dances, including salsa and line dancing. They also performed number from the hit show, High School Musical.

Finally, Zarin Rashid, Hope Baker and Ryah Webster, year six pupils, gave a choreographed show of Indian dancing.

### BREAK TIME

#### Sporting chance in time for Olympics

AS PART OF a Personal, Social and Health Education Day at the Towers School, year nine pupils were asked to add the finishing touches to the school's sports hall.

The theme was the Olympics, in anticipation of next month's games in Beijing.

Pupils were given materials including wood and paint from local builders' merchants. They were assisted by local artist Jean Evenette and technician Richard Austen, pictured here with youngsters.

The exercise was aimed at developing



the pupils' artistic and practical abilities. Their sports-inspired silhouette cutouts will now be set up in the sports hall.

Pupil George Grover said: "It was the best PSHE day ever."

#### Highworth Grammar awaits SATs results

IN COMMON with many schools across the country, children and parents at Highworth Grammar are still waiting for the Key Stage 3 SATs results.

Schools had hoped to be able to provide the results by July 8. Problems have been

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Exams regulator Ofqual is now carrying out an investigation into what has gone wrong at the company.

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## Hello, yes, we've just left, yes, we're on the train...

I AM sure everyone has heard or read of travellers whose otherwise quiet journeys have been marred by the ringing of mobile phones and the loud intrusion of other people's conversations.

Recently, I was on the 8.04am train from Ashford to Charing Cross and somehow found myself sandwiched between two such people.

The first had a ringtone reminiscent of a loud, stringent alarm and I nearly jumped out of my seat as I was lulled along by the movement of the train and the muted colours of the ripening fields through the windows.

RING, RING, RING, RING. Then – "Nah," he bawled out, "I put it away with the other bits, can't you find it?" (Obviously not, that's why the person was ringing him in the first place). With typical male skill he then went on to manipulate the situation from stating where HE had put "it" to saying "donkey parts' must have put that away then". (Nice nickname I thought – I wonder which bits that alludes to?)

And, well, why not blame someone else? On and on went the suggestions ending up with "You'll just have to look around then" (yes, very helpful and loud enough for the entire compartment to receive that advice).

The second person started his conversation with: "Hello baby, have you just woken up? Will you make me breakfast?" in a sleazy voice (sorry, I think he was aiming for sexy). "Oh darling," and "I'll have to discover that when I see you," rippled through the train and a smirk spread across his reflection in the glass. Finally, after much discussion on where they would go...what they would do...the call ended and peace was once again restored.

But not for long – RING, RING, RING, RING and number one was off again. "Ain't you found it? Maybe it's... or there's an old box... maybe it's in there..." Ending with the witticism "Well, it ain't in my pocket!"

Quiet again.

Oh no – yes, you've guessed, number two's turn again. But hooray, a tunnel and loss of reception – oh, disappointment, it was only temporary and he got through again after all.

I couldn't help wondering if it was the same "baby" and whether she was keeping his toast warm – or perhaps he was just sweet-talking his next meal?

Oh good, I thought, we're just leaving Orpington. Now don't get me wrong, there's absolutely nothing wrong with Orpington but it would mean we were nearing London and I would be able to get off and have a break from this mobile madness.

I do wonder if these people have any concept of how tedious and annoying these conversations are – or are they just so insecure that they have to proclaim their (perceived) importance in such an intrusive way? And for the rest of us? I guess we just have to accept this enforced "audible voyeurism" (a new word needed here – perhaps there is one? – Oxford English Dictionary required, please) – and chuckle to ourselves at the mismatched halves of conversations to which we are privy.

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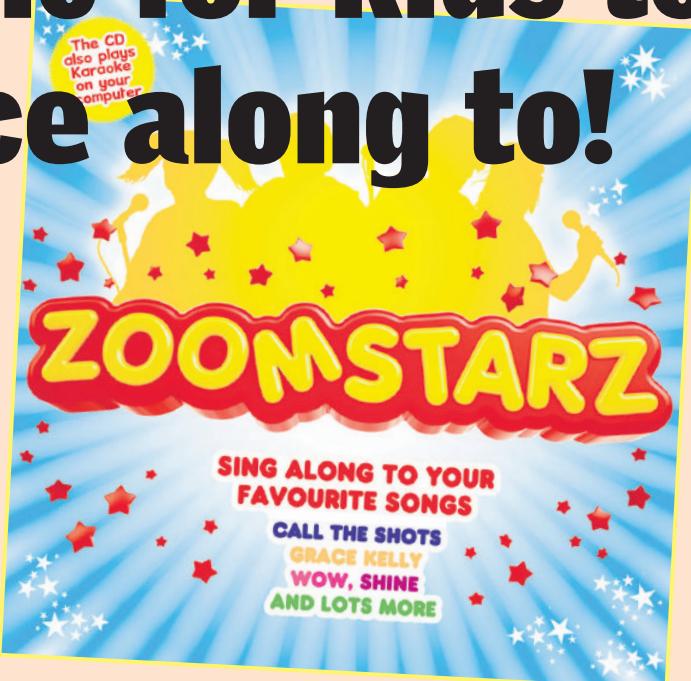
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## TALK TIME

### SARAH BUTT

The owner of Wye Saddlery, in Church Street, Wye, discusses her business and the area

#### How did you get into horses?

All my family ride. I had my first horse when I was 13 and have loved them ever since. I did an equine studies degree with business management in 2001 at Writtle College in Chelmsford. I then got some retail experience and for a while worked as an immigration officer in Dover. But I wanted to get back to doing something closer to my degree. I had always wanted to work for myself and be my own boss. I researched setting up the business for about a year.

#### How did you end up in Wye?

I wanted a high street location because I didn't want to be in the middle of nowhere. We see a lot of people who come to use the banks and the other shops. It also seemed a good location in terms of my competitors. There are plenty of owners and riding clubs in the area. It's working out really well. I want to keep it on a small scale so people only have to deal with me. The personal service is important. I try to stock quality items that are affordable.

#### How popular is horse riding?

More popular than ever. There is a lot of coverage and with the Olympics coming up there will be more on TV. More and more schools are using it as part of the curriculum and keeping fit.

#### What would you say to someone with a child who wants to get into horse riding?

It's important to have lessons. If they can, get to a riding school that lets them get hands-on with the horses, doing the grooming and mucking out. It's a huge commitment to have a horse. The safety aspect is important as well.



## YOUR LETTERS



### Roundabout looks terribly shabby

There was a tremendous fuss two years ago over the expense of sprucing up Spearpoint roundabout in Kennington at a cost of about £64,000.

This was money most of us considered could have been better spent. We desperately need the completion of the cycleway outside the Batchelors factory, and improvements up to Blackwall Road. Most of all, we need a pedestrian crossing in Canterbury Road (and Faversham Road), which the council had deemed too expensive. But they went ahead and tarted up that roundabout.

Now look at it (see picture above). It has not been maintained and is overrun with weeds. Bad planning and poor maintenance seems to be a problem in Ashford and Kent.

Ted Prangnell  
Kennington



### Festivals rely on their reputations

You have to admire the organisers of Zoo8 for their determination to put the troubles of the inaugural event behind them as they prepare for next

year's show. However, festival reputations are crucial to their ability to shift tickets and I wonder if they will have any better success in 2009.

To pay more than £100 for a weekend ticket is a major expense and for that you either have to rely on a line-up which has strength in depth and variety (Glastonbury) or does not try to overreach itself (Lounge on the Farm at Canterbury).

I'm sure a strong line-up will help, but how many people will be put off after those they expected to appear in 2008 pulled out?

If you can't be certain of the performers, Zoo9 is going to be a very difficult proposition when it comes to selling tickets.

Alex Bow,  
by email

### You can count me out for next year

Interesting to see Zoo8 organisers say they will offer discounted tickets next year to those who made the mistake of buying VIP passes this year.

Nice as it was to pay over the odds to have my tent broken into and for all the perks to be forgotten by the time I'd queued hours to get in, I don't think I'll be doing it again next year – even if they paid me.

Y Redrow,  
by email



### We must get these trucks off streets

The long-running issue of foreign lorries treating our roads as

Doughnut' drivers causing a mayhem in centre's car park

### Let's target other nuisance drivers

It is often said the police do little about antisocial behaviour, so I was pleased to see steps being taken to bring an end to the idiots who "burn rubber" in the car park near the Stour Centre (Yourashford, July 23).

However, can I ask that this same tactic be applied across the borough to finally try to put an end to these people who think driving dangerously, or while blaring music out of their windows, is "cool" or acceptable?

Teresa Waites,  
by email

### Cancer patients being penalised

No one should be forced to select their medication based on what they can afford, rather than what the doctor prescribes. Yet this is the reality for many cancer patients.

Cancer patients usually need multiple prescriptions to ease the distressing side effects of treatment and often spend hundreds of pounds each year on prescriptions. Macmillan is calling on the Government to make prescriptions free for everyone in England so the sick and vulnerable aren't penalised.

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Stephen Richards,  
Macmillan Cancer Support

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**CLASSIC:** Considered one of the most creative musicians of his generation, Julian Lloyd Webber is heading to Leeds Castle near Maidstone for intimate gig

# An unmissable castle concert

Showcase for acclaimed cellist Julian Lloyd Webber

THE opportunity to hear a world famous cellist perform in an intimate setting does not come along every day.

Julian Lloyd Webber has been hailed as one of the most creative musicians of his generation, having premiered more than 50 new works for the cello and inspired compositions by a diverse range of composers from Malcolm Arnold and Joaquin Rodrigo, to James MacMillan and Philip Glass.

His many recordings have attracted high critical acclaim and a Brit Award. His coupling of Britten's Cello Symphony and Walton's Concerto, recorded with Sir Neville Marriner and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, was described by Gramophone magazine as "beyond any rival".

Lloyd Webber won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music when he was just 16 and went on to complete his studies in Geneva, under the tutelage of renowned French cellist Pierre Fournier. His stellar career has included collaborations with an array of musicians including Yehudi

Menuhin, Lorin Maazel, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Georg Solti, Stephane Grappelli, Elton John and Cleo Laine.

He recently recorded Phantasia for EMI Records, which was based on his brother Andrew's phenomenally successful musical Phantom of the Opera. The recording featured violinist Sarah Chang and Unexpected Sons.

#### Awards

Lloyd Webber's version of the Elgar Concerto conducted by Menuhin, for which he won a Brit Award, was named the finest ever version by BBC Music Magazine. His many other releases include the Dvorák Concerto with Vaclav Neumann and the Czech Philharmonic, Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations with the London Symphony under Maxim Shostakovich and the short piece collections Made in England, Cello Moods and Cradle Songs for Universal Classics.

He also writes a monthly music column for the Daily Telegraph and plays an active part in music education projects. Lloyd Webber plays the Barjansky Stradivarius cello, dating from around 1690.

His programme at Leeds Castle's romantic banqueting hall will include Bach's Adagio in G, Britten's Scherzo-Pizzicato, The Swan by Saint Saens and Debussy's Sonata from 1915.

After the interval he will premiere a specially commissioned piece by former Classic FM composer in Residence, Patrick Hawes. The audience will also hear In The Half Light, written by his father William, and Lloyd Webber's own composition Jackie's Song.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £75. There are also opportunities to enjoy a post-concert dinner and stay overnight at the castle. For more information and to book call the box office on 01622 880008 or see [www.leeds-castle.com/arts](http://www.leeds-castle.com/arts).

The recital is part of the Arts at the Castle programme which also features concerts by Patrick Hawes on Monday and celebrated Italian pianist Adolfo Barabino on Wednesday. Full details of all concerts can be found on the website.

#### JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER

Tuesday, August 5  
Leeds Castle, near Maidstone



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CHILDREN and their families can enjoy an inspiring programme of free outdoor activities with Ashford Green Corridor.

Hosted by the Kentish Stour Countryside Project, the events offer fascinating wildlife fun for children of all ages. The programme started earlier this week and continues until August 26.

Accompanied children aged five and over can hunt the dragonfly at Buxford Meadow on Tuesday, learning about the beautiful insects that live by water and making their own to take home.

On the following Tuesday they can indulge in pond-dipping in South Willesborough, or venture into the woods to make musical instruments with Martin Brockman on



Wednesday, August 20.

Older children, adults or the whole family can enjoy a nature safari with cameras on Wednesday, August 13 and discover the bats around Buxford Meadow and Singleton Lake on Tuesday, August 26.

Bookings must be made at least two working days in advance by calling 01233 813307 or emailing kentish.safari@kent.gov.uk. For more details call Diane Comley on the above number or visit [www.ashfordgreencorridor.org.uk](http://www.ashfordgreencorridor.org.uk).

A SPECIAL friend will be visiting the Kent & East Sussex Railway for the very first time next week.

Ivor the little Welsh engine is making the trip to meet his fans, both young and old, at Tenterden Town Station. His visit is sure to revive fond childhood memories as well as delighting younger fans.

There will be three days of Ivor-themed activities for children of all ages and the chance to meet the colourful characters who helped him enjoy his adventures.

Jones the Steam, Dai Station, Evans the Song, Mrs Porty and Idris the Dragon will all be travelling from 'the top left-hand corner of Wales' to spend a few fun-filled days in Kent.

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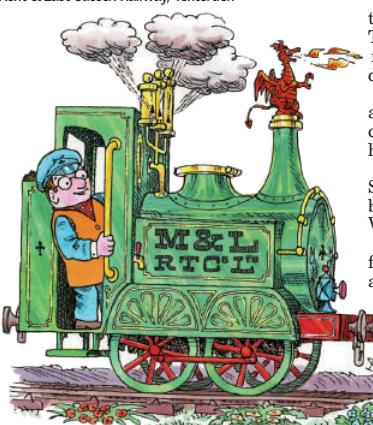
The first departure from Tenterden is at 10.40am each day.

Tickets cost £12/£11 for adults, £7 for children and £32 for families, including all the Ivor activities and a Day Rover Ticket on the railway.

For more details call 01580 765155 or visit [www.kesr.org.uk](http://www.kesr.org.uk).

## IVOR THE ENGINE

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## RAINFOREST FUNDRAISING BALL

Saturday, September 13  
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SUPPORT conservation and enjoy a wild time at the Aspinall Foundation's Rainforest Fundraising Ball.

Hosted by Lady Sarah Aspinall, the second ball will be in aid of gorillas in the wild and associated conservation projects. Revellers can enjoy an evening in the beautiful mansion and grounds while helping to fund important ventures in the Congo and Gabon. Celebrities are expected to attend the

event, which starts with a champagne reception at 7pm followed by an evening of entertainment, including naturalistic gorillas, African drummers and dancers. The dinner will be followed by an auction with superb prizes, a surprise performance, live music and laser disco to round off the evening.

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## ASHFORD LEISURE

### Centre will open your eyes to conservation

SINGLETON Environment Centre will be holding an open day on Saturday, giving people the chance to learn more about conservation.

There will be pond dipping, face painting, guided walks around the woodland and workshops about compost and fun with fabric. Anyone who would like to take part should wear suitable clothing and footwear.

The event will run at the centre in Wesley School Road from 10am to 4pm and admission is free. For details call 01233 666519 or see [www.btcv.org/kent](http://www.btcv.org/kent).

### Breeds can enjoy a rare chance to show off skills

FIND out about life on the farm when The Rare Breeds Centre at Woodchurch holds a fun day on Wednesday August 6.

Last year's event enabled the residents to show off the skills they had learned during their training on the farm, from excellence in animal husbandry to skill in the show ring.

The centre is open from 10.30am to 5.30pm daily. Tickets cost £8/£7 for adults, £7 for children and are free for under-threes. For details call 01233 861493 or visit [www.rarebreeds.org.uk](http://www.rarebreeds.org.uk).

### Dip into pond life when you visit the gardens

CHILDREN can discover a wealth of life in the water with an event at Sissinghurst Castle Garden.

Youngsters will discover what to look for during the pond dipping session. The event is suitable for children aged four to 11 and will be held at the lakes outside the garden, from 2pm to 4pm on Friday.

Tickets cost £6.50 and children must be accompanied by an adult, who can go for free. To book call 01580 710700.

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GET your fix of rock and indie hits when covers band Cold Shots performs in Ashford this week.

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The band will perform at the George Hotel in High Street on Friday. For more details call 01233 625512.

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# Bale shows his dark side

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

GONE are the days when Batman was a just a camp character in tights - now he is brooding, shadowy and even political.

The superhero was revitalised when British actor Christian Bale gave his intense interpretation of the caped crusader in 2005 movie, Batman Begins.

In The Dark Knight, the second in director Christopher Nolan's take on the franchise, Bruce Wayne is a millionaire with a mission - to save corrupt and dangerous Gotham City from criminals like the anarchistic Joker (the late Heath Ledger).

"It's nice to be coming in and playing a character where you know the whole back story," says a moody-looking Christian Bale, who is sitting hunched forward, arms folded in front of him.

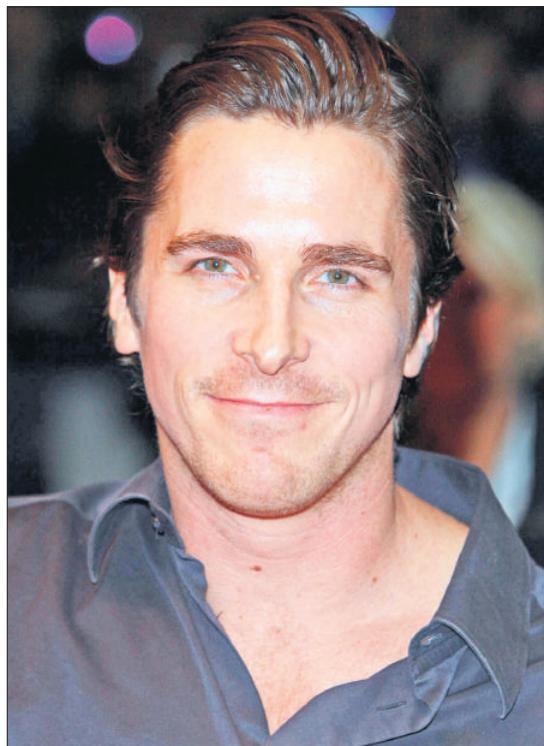
"We are trying to show a very real Gotham and real humanity to a superhero."

"Batman has no super powers. He has these conflicts within himself. He's somebody who has great altruism and who has at the same time, great temptation towards chaos, violence and revenge. He's a complete character."

Heath Ledger's version of The Joker is also a world away from the one-dimensional villain often seen in superhero films.

This movie was the last that Heath completed before his death in January this year, but the Australian actor's performance as the anarchistic psychopath is already being talked about as one of the year's most outstanding.

"Somebody like Heath loves to immerse himself completely in the role, and you can see the pleasure he's getting from that," says 34-year-old Christian.



**RELUCTANT HERO:** Christian Bale, like Batman, prefers to stay out of the spotlight

"And I feel likewise - that's the pleasure I get from acting."

"The way Heath plays The Joker - it's not like we're watching Heath Ledger enjoying playing this zany crazy character. He disappears and becomes this anarchic, destructive, chaotic individual."

And it's Batman who provides The Joker with his toughest challenge yet in the movie.

"Everyone's been a pushover

for The Joker," says Christian.

"Everybody can be leveraged so damn easily. The mob - they want money, that's boring. Also, The Joker despises hypocrisy and he's finally finding in Batman somebody who doesn't have that."

"But he recognises Batman's weak spot - that he will not kill."

Born and raised in Britain, Christian, who began his career in Empire Of The Sun, is now based in Los Angeles, and after

filming Batman and other American films like 3:10 To Yuma, he sports a mid-Atlantic accent.

Rarely smiling throughout the interview, he has said he prefers not to reveal too much about his personal life to the press. For the record, he has been married to Sibi Blazic, a former personal assistant to Winona Ryder, for eight years, and they have a three-year-old daughter, Emmaline.

He also doesn't seem too interested in giving his opinion on anything other than the film, and won't really be drawn on why superhero movies like Iron Man and The Incredible Hulk are pushing people's buttons this summer.

"Absolutely no idea about that," he says.

"There's always a need for heroic figures. I think superheroes are a modern-day equivalent to Greek mythological figures. So naturally everybody wants a hero. But by the time I'm in the middle of making a movie, I'm not doing it because I'm thinking it's what society needs at this time. I'm just looking selfishly at what I'm interested in and what intrigues me."



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Sarah Saunders from Chart Hills explained: "The course has been here for about 18 years but the present owners, Paul and Jennifer Gibbons have owned it for seven years. In 2005 the clubhouse was razed to the ground by fire but our new building has been fully operational since March 2007."

Golfers are early birds so the chefs are in and serving breakfasts from 7am. A served Sunday lunch is available on the first Sunday of each month but the standard menu is available all day until 6pm in the summer.

The attraction of Chart Hills is clear to see for anyone who has visited.

Sarah said: "We have an amazing course



and clubhouse, with very high standards in all areas of the business but we don't want to be associated with the antiquated stuffiness sometimes associated with golf clubs."

The restaurant, which is open to non-golfers, has been hugely popular.

Sarah said: "Our chefs buy fresh local ingredients whenever possible and this is reflected in the standard of even the most conventional dishes. We are booked solidly throughout the year for weddings, private parties and membership events. We have a

dedicated wedding/party planner who works with our clients to meet their expectation and deliver a premier service."

The nature of the course means it has had more than the fair share of celebrities to visit. From politicians to comedians and lots of well known faces from the sporting world.

"We tend to not make a fuss of them as they like their anonymity and to feel relaxed."

Jason Wearne the head chef, trained and worked under both Gary Rhodes and Brian Turner.

## Stone me, that's a delicious way to dine

### ■ The Hop Pickers

AN EXPLOSIVE new dining experience is proving a hit in Hothfield, Ashford.

Diners can cook meals to their taste at the table on heated volcanic stones, a method traced back to the ancient Egyptians and Vikings. Lamb, beef, chicken, fish and vegetables can all be cooked on the stones, which are served on a ceramic tray.

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purpose-built oven, the rocks cook the meat without the use of added fats. McGee uses rock salt to help keep the juices in and retain the impressive flavour.

Joanne Stockbridge is the general manager and believes the key to success is straightforward: "Find the right staff to help create the atmosphere and promote the range of foods at the right price."

And since it opened at the end of January, Stonegrill has proved a massive success with customers. Here are a few of the comments:

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"Delicious carvery and service on a Sunday."

### CHEF RECOMMENDS

#### The Hop Pickers

Start with prawn and crayfish tail cocktail before bangers and mash – the traditional classic with a twist; three sausages, one plain, one spiced and one fruity, on a bed of creamy mash with caramelised red onion gravy. End with bread and butter pudding.

#### Chart Hills

Poached pear, parma ham and mozzarella salad with asparagus and walnut dressing to begin. Followed by roulade of salmon and sole with a watercress mouse studded with clams. Complete the meal with glazed honey and whisky crème brûlée.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**GRANGE HILL**  
BBC One, 4.35pm, Monday

■ BY TOM BETTS

I SPENT hours and hours in my youth watching Grange Hill and I'd say with some confidence that it was better than most – if not all – of the TV aimed at our kids today.

So, I was dismayed to hear the plug had been pulled and show creator Phil Redmond felt the show had "run its course".

It was up there with the axing of Top of the Pops as a head in hands, this country is going down the pan' moment.

And the real salt in the wound is the possibility of a spin-off, set to be called The Grange, which takes place in a multimedia learning centre.

All very PC, but I'll bet my bottom dollar it'll last about as long as Eldorado.

I was with the gang in the glory days when they said a big fat 'no' to drugs (or in Zammo's case 'yes'), when large-framed Roland Browning copped off with French girl Fabienne and when Mr Bronson lost his wig thanks to that mischievous, artistic weirdo Danny Kendall. Damn that little rascal.

And who can forget the flying sausage on a fork randomly entering the comic strip frame as the titles crept along to that jaunty, yet somewhat sinister, theme tune – and I haven't even mentioned Tucker Jenkins.

Ah, great days!

It was with all this in mind that I tuned in to pay my last respects to the current, and 31st series, which is destined to be the last before this TV classic goes off to that great inkwell in the sky.

Like me it's been going for about 30 years so I had to have one last look, for old times sake.



**NEW:** Togger (Chris Perry-Metcalf) is another in a long line of great Grange Hill characters

I had dreaded what I was about to see and imagined it would be little more than Hollyoaks for pre-teens, but I've certainly spent worse 25 minutes. Some young scamp called Togger was doing his best Cassanova impression and stringing along the ladies – good to see that some of the original spirit was still there.

If it wasn't so late in the day and about to bite the dust I think I could really get back into this; and I'm not even yanking your school tie.

Shame we all have these pesky job things stopping us from enjoying such treats and tuning in more, but then again, in true Hill style, I guess we could all rebel a bit and sneak off early every now and then.

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## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

A MEETING of the minds ushers in a new phase of a relationship. You're starting to realise you can't do everything by yourself – nor do you want to. Business pairings are favoured. Your partner can handle the practical aspects of your partnership, while you attend to other things. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 20)

YOU may decide to move to a new home. Although change isn't your favourite thing, this transition will be very good for you. It will help you to think in terms of what you need, instead of what everyone else wants. If a child or roommate decides to move out, don't stop them.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A RARE opportunity to realise your personal potential could fall into your lap. The changes ahead will transform your lifestyle. Some of your friends may fall by the wayside. It may even be necessary to move to a posh neighbourhood. Don't let feelings of loyalty hold you back.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU could be rewarded for your career success. A glamorous job, a big promotion, or a handsome raise could be yours. Alternately, you could be given an award for excellence. People are impressed with your leadership abilities. These days, it's rare to meet someone who can inspire.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A DESIRE for wisdom and truth could lure you down a whole new path. Going on a spiritual pilgrimage could be in the cards. Expanding your horizons is the name of the game. If you're offered an opportunity, grab it with both hands. Don't worry about the mundane details of life.

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### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

TURNING over a new leaf with regard to your health is key. Help will seem to drop from the sky. Don't look this gift horse in the mouth. If someone offers you counsel, accept. This person may assume a parental role in your life and you probably need to be handled this way.

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### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

TAKING a class could give you a whole new lease on life. You've been blessed with great intellectual gifts. When you don't put them to use, depression sets in. The performing arts could have special appeal for you. Studying acting, singing, or dancing is highly favoured.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU could uncover surprising information about your hidden motivations. Now you have seen how you have been your own worst enemy, you can correct the problem. Stop loading your schedule with odious tasks. Make time for solitary activities like reading, writing, and craftwork.

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### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU could be offered a very lucrative job. Providing services to wealthy clients could bring you lots of pleasure, as well as a great deal of money. Resist the urge to indulge in destructive habits. They will only prevent you from doing the work necessary to succeed.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

AN unusual group of people is about to enter your life. Your new friends will prompt you to question many assumptions. All of the sudden, you're not sure of what is the best way to live. Infinite possibilities for leading a productive and happy life will become evident.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR love life could undergo some interesting twists and turns. All of the sudden, you're no longer content to have a steady job, good friends, and a roof over your head. Now you crave intimacy. Someone who breaks down your defences makes you realise your full potential.

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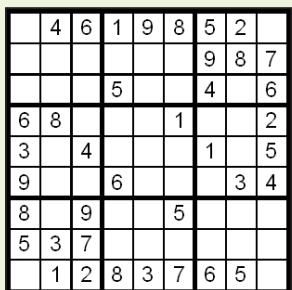
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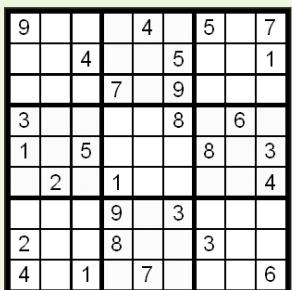
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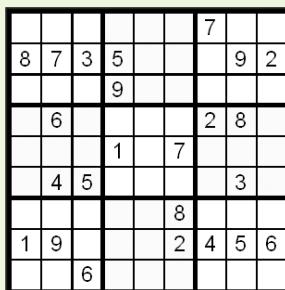
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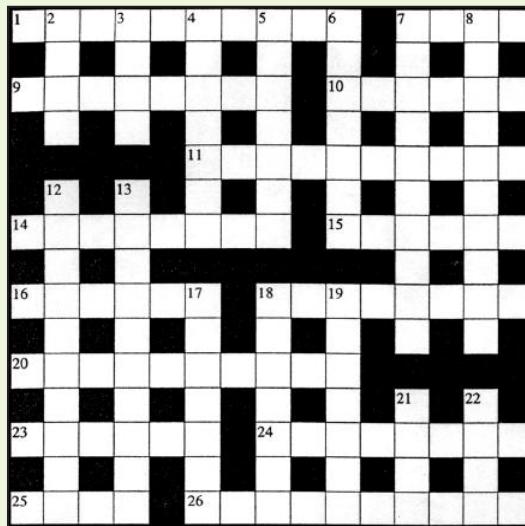


### CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Three times skip this ice-skating manoeuvre (6-4)
  - 7 About to strike shellfish (4)
  - 9 Would this hot spell raise sea temperature? (4,4)
  - 10 Constrain some stuccoer cementing (6)
  - 11 Airy trial? (4-6)
  - 14 St Merlin disguised wandering singer (8)
  - 15 Bird left half shelfish (6)
  - 16 Glance thus if confused (6)
  - 18 Support objection to long hair (8)
  - 20 Specifying as a condition when pronouncing fit (10)
  - 23 Hit second three-wheeler (6)
  - 24 Willing to endure play (8)
  - 25 Worn section of investment (4)
  - 26 Deputation from French diplomatic mission (10)
- DOWN**
- 2 Rush by the river (4)
  - 3 Ruth had matter for regret (4)
  - 4 One to enforce payment from former player (7)
  - 5 Tool in US inlet swirling (7)
  - 6 Deep calm (7)
  - 7 Trust eccentric having means of payment (6,4)
  - 8 Poisoning school mail dangerously (10)
  - 12 Outline of house title removed (10)
  - 13 Tip worth having (6,4)
  - 17 Batting area near the wicket! (7)
  - 18 Port or sherry? (7)
  - 19 Follow, not North Philippine language (7)
  - 21 Courage needed to prevent skidding (4)
  - 22 Slip knot (4)

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### QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Turning sharply (10)
- 7 Give off vapour (4)
- 9 Pit collecting filthy water (8)
- 10 Swampy ground (6)
- 11 Successful (10)
- 14 Pattern of spots (5-3)
- 15 Genial (anag.) (6)
- 16 Emergency (6)
- 18 Stupefying (8)
- 20 Cheshire town (10)
- 23 Shellfish (6)
- 24 Produced involuntary contractions (8)
- 25 Move (4)
- 26 Fame (10)

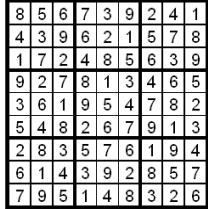
DOWN

- 2 Notion (4)
- 3 Zing (4)
- 4 Made furrows (7)
- 5 Illegal (7)
- 6 Small abscess in mouth (7)
- 7 Vehemence (10)
- 8 Deciding wrongly (10)
- 12 Reporter (10)
- 13 Tall building (10)
- 17 Treason (anag.) (7)
- 18 Job badly done (5-2)
- 19 Taillless feline (4,3)
- 21 Leave (4)
- 22 Conqueror (4)

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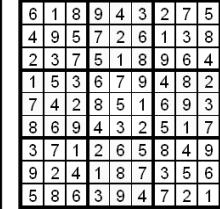
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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No46

- ACROSS:** 1 Attaché-case 9 Amoral 10 Marque 12 Aircrew 14 Naovest 15 King Solomon 16 Per 17 Née 19 Index-finger 22 Jasmine 23 Rayless 24 Littot 25 Vulgar 26 Academician. **DOWN:** 2 Tamarin 3 Aurora 4 Hal 5 Cement mixer 6 Serbian 7 Tune up 8 Letterpress 11 Jack and Jill 13 Well-dressed 18 Ersatz 19 Idiotic 20 Idyllic 21 Grenada 25 Vim.

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- ACROSS:** 1 Ziegfelding 7 Fine 9 Cesspool 10 Mowers 11 Luminous 14 Poda-dot 15 Lunge 16 Ofties 18 Beutling 20 26 Reptileton 23 Limpet 6 Minibot 35 Star 27 Seafarer 18 Botch-up 19 Maxi-cell 21 Wallaby 22 Jumprat 23 Sympathizer 8 Grooved 5 Little 6 Minibot 7 Treadmills 8 29 Bedpost 21 Limepit 11 Jack and Jill 13 Well-dressed 18 Ersatz 19 Idiotic 20 Idyllic 21 Grenada 25 Vim.
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Web index tracks decline in prices

ASKING prices in the property market continued to fall in July, according to the latest Rightmove house price index.

July has seen a 1.8 per cent fall in prices – the largest drop ever recorded in the month and it follows a 1.2 per cent slip in June.

Subsequently, annual asking price inflation has slipped into the red, down two per cent over the year up to July – the first time Rightmove has recorded an annual fall.

The survey discovered the average asking price for a property is £235,219 – a decrease of £4,345 in the past month.

However, this remains well ahead of the average sale prices of £194,912, according to official figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The discrepancy could be caused by a realisation among sellers they have to lower asking prices in order to secure a sale according to analysts.

"Sellers are finally recognising that they need to undercut their rivals from the outset, rather than testing the market and dropping prices later," said Miles Shipside, of Rightmove.

### Tenants feel the chill of rising energy bills

TURNOVER of tenants in rented accommodation where energy efficiency is poor could be on the increase according to a survey by the National Landlords Association.

The group said that while eco-friendliness of homes may not be the most important factor for people when they move it will become increasing vital.

Senior policy officer at the organisation, Elizabeth Brogan, said the major things which people look at when they search for a home remain its location and the initial cost outlay.

But she said: "There are other factors that are more important and I don't think they (the buyers) are going to be looking at energy efficiency first thing."

But she added if tenants are feeling "cold and miserable" they are likely to move on more quickly than they would otherwise.

But she also said that heating bills for tenants are likely to be reduced in the future due to the introduction of the Landlord's Energy Saving Allowance.



CLOCKHOUSE MEWS: The development of luxury two-bedroom cottages is on the Swaylands estate, Penshurst, and purchasers have access to 50 acres of private parkland

## Rent now, buy later

Estate scheme offers younger buyers a way into the market

■ BY NICK AMES

ANYONE who wants to buy a country cottage retreat in the heart of the Garden of England but can't afford the mortgage deposit might be interested in Oakdene Homes' Purchaser Prospect plan.

This is on offer at Clockhouse Mews, a development in the Swaylands estate in Penshurst.

The offer provides would-be homeowners with the chance to move into a property either through a rent now, buy-later scheme, or a one-year all paid mortgage deal.

With more banks demanding larger deposits and the option of 100 per cent mortgages declining, there has been a decline in the

number of young professionals purchasing property.

The average age of individuals being able to afford their first apartment has risen to 34 and the proportion of young professionals aged 25 and under getting on the property ladder for the first time is at just 16 per cent.

However, Oakdene Homes says its initiative will make it easier for younger individuals to own a new property and benefit from its equity, thus laying the foundation for a secure financial future.

Ann Fulker, sales and marketing director, said: "Clockhouse Mews has appealed to families and professionals commuting to London but desiring the benefits of traditional country living in a historical property.

"With all the current restrictions on mortgages our Purchaser Prospect scheme is proving popular with commuting professionals

seeking city life by day and the haven of a luxury country estate after they leave the office.

"It gives them a unique opportunity to make a move on to the property ladder and benefit from a stately home address at a fraction of the cost normally associated with estate living."

Clockhouse Mews comprises six two-bedroom cottages around a cobbled courtyard.

All have a large entrance hall, kitchen, cloakroom, open-plan living area, bathroom and two double bedrooms with wardrobes, alarm system and private parking.

Some of the properties also have an en suite and private garden area.

Additionally, residents at the mews can take advantage of the estate's 50-acres of landscaped parkland and amenities, which includes the use of two lakes, a tennis court and a gym.

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### ASHFORD OIEO £140,000

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### KENNINGTON OIEO £140,000

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### ASHFORD £140,000

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### KENNINGTON OIEO £149,950

"No Chain" Bay fronted two bedroom terrace. Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lean-to conservatory 2 double bedrooms & bathroom. Frontage ideal for off road parking subject to necessary permissions. 130ft rear garden.

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### WILLESBOROUGH OIEO £150,000

End of terrace. 25ft lounge/diner, kitchen, utility, downstairs bathroom, three double bedrooms. Approx 360ft rear garden, off road parking to the front.

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### WILLESBOROUGH OIEO £160,000

Three bedroom semi detached with through lounge/diner, kitchen, utility, downstairs bathroom and lean to, garage, rear mature garden, central heating and double glazing.

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### WILLESBOROUGH £169,950

"NO CHAIN" 3/4 bedroom terrace house. Lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen/breakfast room with built-in units and Range cooker, bathroom, study area/bed 4, 170ft rear garden.

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### ASHFORD £179,950

3 bedroom modern semi detached house. Entrance hall, ground floor cloakroom, modern fitted kitchen/breakfast room and lounge/diner. Master with en suite and family bathroom, off road parking for 2/3 vehicles.

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### WILLESBOROUGH OIEO £189,995

3 bedroom extended semi detached house. Recently renovated. Includes ground floor shower room, study, garage and off road parking.

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### WILLESBOROUGH OIEO £200,000

"No Chain" 1930's Earl's built semi detached house. 2 receptions, kitchen, utility area, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and an additional loft room on the 2nd floor. 150ft rear garden with rear access and parking for 4/5 vehicles.

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### ASHFORD OIEO £225,000

4 bedroom semi detached Victorian property with entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 3 double bedrooms, shower room and to the second floor, bedroom 4, central heating and double glazing.

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### ORCHARD HEIGHTS £228,000

Detached house with ground floor wc, lounge, dining room, recently fitted modern kitchen & 12ft UPVC conservatory. 3 bedrooms, master with en suite shower room & bathroom. GCH, driveway parking for 2/3 vehicles & garage.

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### TOWN CENTRE OIEO £285,000

Five bedroom terrace house with basement room. Two reception rooms, master with en suite. Near to town centre and station. Rear garden and allocated parking.

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### BROOK £350,000

Detached bungalow, porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom. To the first floor, two further double bedrooms and additional bathroom.

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### CHARING £475,000

4 bedroom detached house with attached three bedroom annexe. 2 reception rooms. Double extension to the rear which remains incomplete, which, when finished, will offer 3 further reception rooms & 2 more bedrooms. Approx one acre. 2 double garages.

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### PLUCKLEY OIRO £350,000

NO CHAIN. Detached bungalow, plot in excess of half an acre, hallway, 16ft kitchen/breakfast room, 17ft lounge, two double bed, bathroom, separate WC, integral garage and workshop, 60ft outbuilding.

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### KENNINGTON £350,000

Recently modernised four bedroom bungalow. Two reception rooms, utility, en suite shower room, double garage, 75ft garden. Located in rural part of Kennington.

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### Willesborough £250,000

4 bed detached home, double garage, conservatory large garden.

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### Ashford £218,000

2 bed detached bungalow. Conservatory. Underfloor heating. Garage & ORP. No chain.

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### Willesborough £200,000

Extended semi detached, 3 double bedrooms, ensuite to the master

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### Kennington OIEO £199,950

3 bed town house. 2 reception rooms. En-suite shower room. Garage. No chain

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3 bed detached house in South Willesborough location with garage & driveway.

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2 bed end of terrace. GF cloakroom. No chain. Driveway. Rear Garden.

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Three bedroom semi detached house. No chain. Conservatory. ORP.

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- 3 bedroom maisonette
- Rear Garden
- Well presented throughout

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- Garage and Off Street Parking
- No Onward Chain

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- Rural location
- 3 Reception rooms

**GODINTON PARK** £315,000

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- Priced to sell!!
- 5 beds, 4 baths, 3 receps
- No chain - must be seen!

**ASHFORD** £194,995

**ASHFORD OFFICE** BAP01214

- 4 Bed Townhouse
- Sought After Location
- No Onward Chain

**WILLESBOROUGH** £219,995

**ASHFORD OFFICE** BAP01161

- Three bed Semi-Detached
- Conservatory
- Off road parking

**KINGSNORTH** £249,995

**ASHFORD OFFICE** BAP01196

- 4 Bed detached
- Double garage
- Study and en-suite

**KENNINGTON** £299,995

**ASHFORD OFFICE** BAP01153

- Detached 3 bed bungalow
- Large garden overlooking the Ridge
- Sought after Location

**ASHFORD** £299,995

**ASHFORD OFFICE** BAP01229

- 4 Bed Detached
- Sought After Location
- Garage & Off Street Parking

**WILLESBOROUGH** £199,995

**ASHFORD OFFICE** BAP01211

- 3 Bed 1930's Semi-Detached
- Off Street Parking
- Close Proximity to Town

**PARK FARM** £250,000

**ASHFORD OFFICE** BAP01225

- Price just reduced!
- Immaculate 4 bed home
- 2 baths, 2 receps, conservatory

**WILLESBOROUGH** £285,000

**ASHFORD OFFICE** BAP01259

- Must be seen internally!
- 4 beds, 2 bath, 2 receps
- Approx 200' mature garden

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**OIEO £165,000**

Village location. Semi detached house. Entrance porch and hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking to front and garage.

### Park Farm



**£169,995**

3 bedroom linked semi detached property with no onward chain. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/diner, conservatory and master bedroom with en-suite.

### Singleton



**£179,995**

Chartfield Hamlets. Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge/diner, and kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Cul-de-sac location and garage en-bloc.

### Ashford



**OIEO £179,995**

End of terrace. Entrance hall, ground floor WC, kitchen and lounge, master with en-suite, family bathroom. Garage and drive and no onward chain.

### Mersham



**£249,950**

Detached bungalow. Lounge, kitchen and conservatory with two bedrooms and bathroom. Additional benefits include substantial established rear garden, garage and driveway.

### Kennington



**£269,950**

Extended family home. Family room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, lounge and study, master with en-suite, Secluded rear garden and a driveway to the front.

### Ashford



**£279,995**

5 bedroom detached, cul-de-sac location. Lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, conservatory, cloakroom, family, en-suite to master, gas fire central heating, double glazing, driveway and garage.

### Wye



**£315,000**

3 bedroom detached. Corner plot, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom to the first floor. Part of the garage forms a utility and driveway.



## MOTORS NEWS



### Weekend event shows Dodge's all-new cars

CHRYSLER Dodge Jeep dealers across Kent will use this weekend to launch two all-new cars, the Dodge Journey and Jeep Cherokee 4x4. While the latter is a familiar model name, the former is a new budget entry into the seven-seat MPV sector.

Canterbury's Dutton Forshaw dealership is going to town on the pair with a Ride and Drive event on Saturday and the site's dealer principal Lynne Kennard said: "The Journey takes the practicality of a minivan and the overall efficiency of a passenger car and blends the best attributes into an all-new crossover vehicle."



### Alfa's star newcomer is a red-blooded Romeo

THIS weekend also brings the curtain down on the British International Motor Show at Excel, London, where 'eco-green' was tipped as the predominant colour.

Italy's Alfa Romeo had other ideas; it went for red instead and enough glamorous hostesses to recall bygone days before recognition of global warming, when girls, bhp and petrol fumes were what shows were all about.

Nevertheless, its star newcomer is the forthcoming MiTO supermini (pictured) – taking its name from the Italian fashion and car capitals of Milano and Torino.



### Qashqai plus two will build on Nissan success

NISSAN is using the show to launch its enlarged +2 seats version of the Qashqai 'crossover' family model.

Despite a name pronounced 'cash-kai' that sounds even more like a violent sneeze now that 'plus-too' is added, it should build on what has been a massive success for the Japanese brand.

However, the presence of two extreme Nissan models – the all-white Denki Cube electric concept (pictured) and hugely powerful new GT-R supercar – underline the dilemma facing the whole motor industry.



STANDING OUT: Dodge's Avenger looks fantastic value in an overcrowded market sector with standard kit that includes six airbags, electronic stability, air con and a glovebox chiller

# Avenger offers cut-price revenge on its key rivals

DODGE is a macho brand in its native USA, so it is no surprise that its Avenger saloon looks capable of meting out its own justice.

That is providing we forget that 'Avenger' last appeared here on an effete 1970s Hillman saloon and estate.

Its belated successor gives Chrysler Dodge Jeep dealers a long-awaited foothold in Ford Mondeo territory.

In keeping with its looks, Avenger pricing and specifications are bullish, but need to be as the interior looks low rent against key rivals.

On the other hand, since the Mondeo has gone upmarket to attack the BMW 3-Series, the Avenger could appeal to company car buyers and 'user choosers' who like more bang for their bucks.

Power options are a diesel – VW's tried and trusted 2.0-litre with six-speed 'box – and two petrol engines, plus SE and SXT trim levels from £14,995.

Standard kit includes six airbags, electronic stability, powered folding heated mirrors, air con, glovebox chiller and cruise control.

## ROAD TEST DODGE AVENGER

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image          | ★★★★★ |
| Space          | ★★★★★ |
| Value          | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs  | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability    | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating   | ★★★★★ |

But it is not a big price 'walk' – as the trade says – to the lavish SXT tested here (from £16,995). It is worth the extra for big 18-inch alloys, boot spoiler, heated front seats, leather seats, powered driver's seat and upmarket six-speaker Boston sound.

I was also impressed by MyGig – a £1,500 dashboard extra bundled with sat nav – that memorises CDs and links to iPod/MP3 players.

The Avenger is less tuned on the road; it has reasonable performance, but the chassis is saggy and copes badly with our increasingly poor road surfaces.

The VW powertrain on our 2.0CRD SXT (£18,250) test car felt as good as ever though – willing, frugal and perfect for motorway cruising. Storage, cupholders and boot are generous, with 'load through' rear folding seats on the SXT, although lifting the bootlid after a shower overruns the guttering and drowns your luggage.

Rear legroom is good too, though that rear window 'kick up' means kids may find it claustrophobic in the back.

Nevertheless, the Avenger looks fantastic value in a market sector where it is hard to stand out from the crowd.



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### CITROEN XSARA PICASSO



CITROËN quickly trumped Renault's pioneering Scenic and made the Xsara Picasso into the best-seller in a new market sector. It is only a five-seater, but the 'jelly mould design' smoothes the edges of a commodious and flexibly equipped box. It rides smoothly, but the same soft springing allows wallowing into the corners. The Xsara Picasso is available with excellent Peugeot-Citroën turbodiesels, has a good reliability record and is affordable and plentiful.

#### STAR QUALITY

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
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### FIAT MULTIPLA



MEDIA praise for originality on its arrival in 2000 did not translate into big sales for the Multipla. A midlife facelift made it more acceptable, allowing practical qualities to shine through. A relatively compact though wide body allows six to be seated comfortably in two three abreast rows and there is plenty of stowage and luggage space. It also drives well and the first choice 110bhp JTD turbodiesel is a lively powertrain, complementing the neat handling.

#### STAR QUALITY

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

### HONDA FR-V



HONDA delayed entry to and had time for a long look at this sector, before deciding that Fiat got it right with the Multipla layout. So the FR-V is another short, wide six-seater with two rows of seats. Though not as roomy as the Multipla, many buyers will like the peace-of-mind Honda engineering and slow depreciation. The middle seat in the front can also be staggered backwards to allow a child to be carried closer to mum and dad.

#### STAR QUALITY

|                 |       |
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| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
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### MOVIN' ON

Hi I'm 45, 5'6, largish build, blue eyes, non-smoker, mother of two (daughter 10/son 15), seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440592

### SANDY SEEKS DANNY

Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no lies, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSCH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100

### FANCY A DRINK?

Divorced female, 50, 5'14, curly, enjoys eating out, WLTM a nice and gentle, non-smoker, 43-53 with a GSCH. Box 442351

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### A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunettte, 39y old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys the arte, music and eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

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Lovely simple mum, 38, 5'14, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun, chatty, WLTM similar male for fun, laughter, maybe LTR. Box 372889

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We are looking to engage highly motivated people who have experience in all areas of administration. Duties will include co-ordinating diaries and appointments, arrangements for LINKs Members / Participants and other LINK Workers, also to act as a point of contact. Candidates must have the ability to work within a team and on their own initiative with minimal support. Excellent keyboard skills and computer literacy is required and you will have experience of working in a busy administrative environment with good organisation, time management skills together with an accurate and systematic approach.

Closing date for expressions of interest: Monday, 11 August 2008

For an information pack, please contact [info@kmn-ltd.co.uk](mailto:info@kmn-ltd.co.uk) or telephone 01303 297050.

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### LINK Development Worker

£24,000 per annum, pro rata

1 position located in Medway (equivalent to 28 hours per week)

3 positions located throughout Kent (full time)

### Job Summary

To enable, support, guide, facilitate and develop the Local Involvement Network in its activities across a designated area.

We are looking to engage highly motivated people who have experience in engaging and working with volunteers, groups and communities including those considered to be hard to reach. Candidates must have the ability to work within a team and on own initiative with minimal support and to lead and motivate people. Excellent keyboard skills and computer literacy is essential in addition to good organisation and time management skills with an accurate and systematic approach.

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Interviews: Week commencing 1st September 2008



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E-Mail: [hr@swale.gov.uk](mailto:hr@swale.gov.uk) Website: <http://jobs.swale.gov.uk>

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For an application form or to submit your CV, contact Ms Linde Taylor, GSE Group, Joshua House, Crowbridge Road, Ashford TN24 0GR or 01233 501301 or [linde.taylor@gse-group.com](mailto:linde.taylor@gse-group.com)

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The Caldecott Foundation, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SP.



## Network Manager

Starting salary £35,370, with progression through contribution related pay to £40,705 per annum  
Tunbridge Wells, across Broadwater Children's Centre and St Paul's Children's Centre

In the context of promoting the Government's Early Years Agenda, Every Child Matters and The Children's Plan, Ashford local Children's Services Partnership offers an exciting opportunity across Ashford for a range of skilled, creative and committed people to join in the development of Children's Centres and Programmes to provide a comprehensive range of services for children under 5 and their families in a friendly environment. Children's Centres are being developed across Kent as part of the Government's commitment to provide the best start in life for every child, support for parents, good quality childcare and safer, stronger communities.

This post will involve managing teams of staff developing a range of projects and services, which will implement the principles and core offer to be delivered within the Children's Centre. You will need to work alongside staff from a range of backgrounds and professions and lead effective multi-agency working. Experience of working within local communities is vital, as local children and families are key partners in the development of their Children's Centre.

You will have a degree or equivalent professional qualification in health, social work, education, community work or a similar field. Experience of working with children, families and communities as well as project management is essential. Team management and good interpersonal and communication skills is also a must for this exciting role. Owing to the sensitive nature of the work, an ability to remain confidential at all times is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0321.

Closing date: Midday, 30th July 2008.

Kent Safe Schools is widely recognised as a successful countywide organisation, highly skilled in developing peer-led approaches to tackling social issues and improving outcomes for children and young people across Kent.

## Kent Restorative Justice Co-ordinator

Starting salary £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 per annum  
Fixed term until 31st March 2010 and is dependent on continued funding Countywide - base negotiable

We are currently seeking an individual with the skills necessary to lead on the successful implementation of the Restorative Practice schools accreditation scheme. To achieve this it will be necessary to forge excellent working relationships with headteachers and other key partners to develop effective training, guidance, resources and support for schools and the wider community.

The ability to work collaboratively to influence change within the school and wider environment is essential, as is an extensive knowledge and experience of Restorative Practices.

You will have a professional qualification in a relevant field and experience or further professional development relating to Restorative Approaches. This will include an understanding of relevant legislation, guidance, key issues and models/approaches for implementing Restorative Practices within schools and settings. Excellent communication skills and the ability to collate, analyse and interpret data, in order to improve service delivery and outcomes, is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0331

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

## Kent Safe Schools Project Officer

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 pro rata  
30 hours per week - initially funded for 12 months from appointment - Secondment will be considered  
Shepway, Folkestone

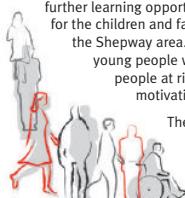
We are seeking an experienced, dedicated person to take forward this new and exciting role within the educational environment.

The role will be based within the Causeway Team in Folkestone and will involve working with primary school aged children to establish and support Kent Safe Schools and Causeway projects in schools and the wider community. The aim of the project is to reduce exclusions, improve access to further learning opportunities and provide alternative and positive solutions for the children and families that are supported by the Causeway team within the Shepway area. You will work with agencies, schools, parents and young people with the intention of improving outcomes for young people at risk of disaffection and/or exclusion through mentoring, motivational activities and support to parents and schools.

The post will be employed by Kent Safe Schools but will have access to all relevant organisations and agencies.

Ref: CFE/08/0332

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## Anti-Bullying Case Worker

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Term-time only, initially funded for 12 months

Working closely with parents/carers, other professionals and schools where open dialogue has become difficult with a view to resolving bullying issues, you will offer support to young people to reduce incidents of bullying which will involve working one-to-one and/or in small groups. The work will also involve going into the schools to participate in reintegration, follow-up and preventative activities.

You will be full of ideas and enjoy using your initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

To succeed, you will work together with a wide range of agencies and service providers to ensure the needs of the parents and young people are met. So if you have the experience and commitment to working with young people we would love to hear from you. Ref: CFE/08/0330

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

## Invicta House, Maidstone

### Consumer Direct Advisors

Starting salary £15,826, with progression through contribution related pay to £16,627 per annum

The service, hosted by Kent County Council and funded by the Office of Fair Trading, is delivered from our state-of-the-art Contact Centre in central Maidstone.

Offering consumers across the South East of England telephone-based advice on their rights and guidance on resolving consumer problems, you will be liaising with Trading Standards professionals and other agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by an ability to analyse the circumstances around the complaint and offer the appropriate course of action to the consumer in an accurate and easily understandable manner.

The busy nature of this service requires you to balance the need to provide appropriate advice whilst maintaining an awareness of call handling targets. You'll be PC literate and combine proven competence in a customer-focused role with a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills. Although some kind of legal experience would be helpful, you will be provided with in-depth training.

Working hours are subject to a shift pattern that will include some weekend work. Ref: CMY/08/0176

## Contact Centre Agents

Starting salary £13,959 (+ 5% shift allowance), with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum

To support our continued success we are looking for people with a positive, flexible attitude and excellent communication skills to join the friendly team in our state-of-the-art Contact Centre.

Everything we do is about providing the most customer-focused, individually tailored service we can. The diversity of the calls we receive means that each call is unique and, therefore, requires a unique response.

If you'd like to start using your customer service skills in a role that challenges you and really makes a difference, we'd like to hear from you!

Dealing with calls from the public, you'll provide advice, interpret queries and re-route calls appropriately.

Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by a real service ethic and an ability to deal with a challenging variety of calls.

You'll be handling everything from registering a birth or a death to enrolling a caller on an Adult Education class or directing calls from some of the more vulnerable people living in Kent. Together with demonstrated competence in a customer-focused role and a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills, you'll also need to be PC literate.

In return for your skills, you'll benefit from a competitive starting salary, excellent development opportunities and a role that will continue to challenge you.

To find out more about Contact Kent, attend our Open Evening at Invicta House from 5pm - 7pm on Tuesday 29th July. To confirm your attendance or for further details, call Pat Croucher on 01622 221406, 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

Working hours for these roles are subject to a rotating shift pattern which will include some weekend and bank holiday work. Ref: CMY/08/0177

Closing date: Midday, 13th August 2008.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

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2. It is the responsibility of all advertisers to ensure that all advertising meets all forms of government legislation and KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd (the "media owner") takes no responsibility for liability in errors and omissions to the content of our media.

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**Course leader,  
Diploma in Teaching in  
the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS)  
in association with Canterbury Christ  
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Salary: LNFA Scale points 4-8 (0.15 FTE pro-rata)  
 (£20,339-£24,855 per annum pro-rata)

Location: Rochester Centre

A part-time (0.15 fte) course leader is required to take overall responsibility for the DTLLS programme by organising and supervising tutorial support for learners and the observation of teaching; communicating with tutors, mentors and learners to ensure effective delivery of the programme; liaising and attending meetings with CCCU and ensuring that assessment of learners meets CCCU's quality assurance criteria.

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Hours: vary according to the planned course  
Location: Medway

#### • Sessional teacher trainers – DTLLS (L5/6)

Job ref: CA0164E  
Teacher trainers with experience of working in HE, are required on the Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) delivered in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University.

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Job ref: CA0165E  
Personal tutors and assessors are required to carry out tutorials and observations of candidates on the programme, and marking assignments.

#### • Sessional teacher trainers – PTLLS (L3/4)

Job ref: CA0166E  
Trainers are required for the Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers. The role includes delivery of the course as well as assessment of candidates' work.

### Sessional teacher trainers – C&G 9297

Job Ref: CA0167E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 – 3 £18.97 - £24.32 ph  
Hours: vary according to the planned course  
Location: Medway

Teacher trainers are required on the Certificate in Learning Support course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers with Literacy / Numeracy / ESOL teaching qualifications.

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Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 – 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour  
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Location: Medway

Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTLLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway.

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Job ref: CA0171E  
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#### • ICT

Job ref: CA0172E  
ICT at all levels, AutoCAD, iTO, Computing for ESOL.

#### • GCSEs

Job ref: CA0173E  
Human Biology, maths, sociology, economics, business studies, law, psychology.

#### • NVQs

Job ref: CA0174E  
Health & Social Care (adults) up to level 3 or 4.

#### • Beauty, health and fitness

Job ref: CA175E  
Cosmetic make-up C&G 3020 level 2, facials, make-up, nail art, spa manicure, waxing, homeopathy, counselling to level 2, fitness for the older person, body conditioning, fitness, pilates, golf.

#### • Cookery

Job ref: CA0176E  
Indian, Thai, Mediterranean.

#### • Fine art, crafts and performing arts

Job ref: CA0177E  
Drawing and painting - watercolour, life drawing, portrait drawing and painting, photography C&G level 2, Jewellery design, interior design, line dancing, singing, keyboarding, ceroc dancing, tap dancing.

#### • Health and safety

Job ref: CA0178E  
Fire safety/awareness, first aid, COSHH.

#### • Business

Job ref: CA0179E  
Manual bookkeeping and accounts, computerised accounts to level 2, Sage Payroll.

#### • Other subjects

Job Ref: CA0180E  
RYA Dayskipper, gardening, Egyptology, philosophy, tourism.

### Part time assessor vacancies for the iTQ award from September:

Job ref: CA0181E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 3 £12.16 per hour  
Hours: Vary according to the planned course

Location: Medway

Assessors for iTQ award – must have vocational IT qualification and experience and be prepared to travel within Medway.

For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email [christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk](mailto:christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk).

*Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.*

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Closing date: Midday, 8th August 2008.

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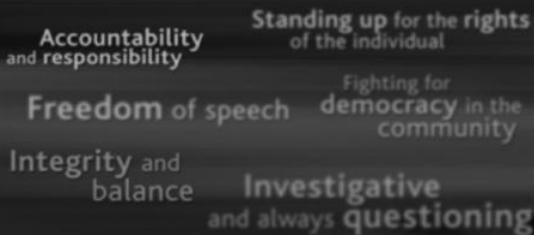
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The increasingly heavy tax burden on company cars has all but killed them off.

This means that, increasingly, even cars with high business miles are owned by staff, while firms often ask employees to use their own vehicles to make deliveries, visit clients or go to the bank.

### Trade with confidence on KCC-backed website

DURING the summer there will be plenty of residents wanting to have work carried out in their homes or gardens, but are wary about finding a trustworthy business.

With the activity of rogue traders hotting up during the good weather, Kent County Council's trading standards officers are encouraging people to log on to the Buy with Confidence website, [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk), to find details of approved traders.

The site is free to use and features only local businesses that have passed the assessments carried out by Kent Trading Standards.

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# Pressure piles on to leave us all too tired

Three quarters of us are not getting enough sleep, claims survey

■ BY TONY PATEY

SLEEPING has figured in songs from Donovan to Seether but money worries and the credit squeeze becoming tighter are striking different notes as a wave of shut-eye deprivation sweeps across the UK workforce.

Twenty two million workers – that's three-quarters of the workforce – admitted getting less than the prescribed eight hours of sleep each night of the working week, says a recent report.

Topping the list for insomnia are estate agents, who are apparently getting only five hours and 50 minutes sleep a night – more than two hours less than the daily recommended sleep quota.

The Travelodge company, which has hotels in Canterbury, Ashford and Margate, said the study revealed that two professions facing rocketing fuel prices – lorry and taxi drivers – were the next two groups missing most 'shut eye', sharing an average of just six hours and 16 minutes a night.

Then came another economy-hit profession, bankers, who manage just six hours and 23 minutes of sleep. Builders and accountants came next with both getting six hours and 24 minutes.

Leigh McCarron, Travelodge's director of sleep, said: "It is no surprise that the professions in the industries worst hit by the credit crunch come top of the charts. We all know that money worries and job security are key drivers of stress which in turn, leads to significant sleep loss."

The budget hotel chain's study also revealed the key reasons why 40 per cent of workers regularly experience difficulty getting to sleep: work pressures and money worries, leaving work late, having an alcoholic drink at bed-



**WIDE AWAKE:** Not sleeping because of financial worry is affecting more and more people – especially estate agents time and going home to start work again were all causes.

Mr McCarron said: "Don't let the credit crunch keep you awake, it's a vicious circle. Although you may fret about your job and have financial worries; you cannot afford to sacrifice your sleep quota.

"Losing valuable hours of sleep will certain-

ly impact upon your well-being and productivity."

In case you're wondering – director of sleep? Yes, that's his title. The firm takes its job of giving clients a good night's sleep very, very seriously, and Mr McCarron has a wide brief from helping design rooms to trying out beds. Let's hope he doesn't sleep on the job.

  
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# Town thirds still wait for victory

ASHFORD Town 3rd XI are still searching for their first win of the season in Kent Cricket League Division Three after suffering an eight wicket defeat at the hands of Walmer.

Ashford could only score 146 in their innings with Gary Richardson top scoring with 27.

It took Walmer just 33 overs to surpass the total and for the loss of just two wickets.

The hosts won the toss at Morgew Park and opted to bat. Both openers made good starts before being removed by Bradley Ellison.

# Tenterden run away with win to escape relegation

## CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

A SUPERB performance with bat and ball from Timir Chanda saw Tenterden beat Broadstairs by 71 runs in a crucial match at the bottom of Division One.

The all-rounder hit an unbeaten 69 and took 3-26 to give Tenterden only their third win of the season, which sent them above Broadstairs and out of the bottom two.

The hosts won the toss at Morgew Park and opted to bat. Both openers made good starts before being removed by Bradley Ellison.

Their departure brought Chanda to the crease and along with Christopher Vernon, he put on 67 for the third wicket.

Chris Kidd picked up two quick wicks-

ets in the middle order and Tenterden had to settle for 188-9 from their 50 overs.

The total looked vulnerable and Broadstairs began well.

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## Kent League Division One 1st XI

Tenterden 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

### Tenterden

|  | Runs |
|--|------|
| Nick Baynes ct Narraway b Ellison        | 30   |
| Andrew Crawford ct Brennan b Ellison     | 14   |
| Timir Chanda not out                     | 69   |
| Christopher Vernon ct Ross b Kidd        | 29   |
| Tevis Knight (jnr) lbw b Kidd            | 5    |
| Neil Billing ct Dayses b Baker           | 4    |
| Liam Narraway ct Dayses b Baker          | 5    |
| Sam Winsor b Neale                       | 32   |
| Bradley Ellison ct Brann b Chanda        | 15   |
| Chris Kidd b Neale                       | 0    |
| Stuart Wisemand not out                  | 0    |
| Andrew Marshall ct Knight (jnr) b Chanda | 0    |

Extras (5b 9w 1nb) 15

Total (7 wickets, 50 overs) 188

### Broadstairs

|  | Runs |
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| Craig Wretham ct Brann b Baker           | 24   |
| Alex Hogben b Neale                      | 14   |
| Michael Ross ct Dayses b Baker           | 10   |
| Scott Narraway ct Dayses b Baker         | 0    |
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Extras (6w 7nb) 13

Total (all out, 42.5 overs) 117

|                 | Bowlers | O | M  | R | W |
|-----------------|---------|---|----|---|---|
| Bradley Ellison | 15      | 7 | 32 | 2 |   |
| Stuart Wisemand | 10      | 1 | 70 | 1 |   |
| Chris Kidd      | 15      | 5 | 35 | 2 |   |
| Andrew Marshall | 10      | 0 | 46 | 1 |   |

|                | Bowlers | O | M  | R | W |
|----------------|---------|---|----|---|---|
| Ben Daking     | 5       | 0 | 12 | 0 |   |
| Nick Hall      | 4       | 0 | 4  | 0 |   |
| Timir Chanda   | 65      | 1 | 26 | 3 |   |
| Mark Baker     | 15      | 3 | 54 | 4 |   |
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| LEWIS Wright fell just eight runs short of a century as he helped Cowdrey to an eight-wicket victory against Wye.  |         |
| It was the visitors who were at the crease first and opener Kyle McAlister got them off to a great start with a half century. Richard Williams continued to add to Wye's total with 35, as they were eventually bowled out for 207.  |         |
| Wye failed to contain Cowdrey's opening batsmen, who scored 138 runs between them before both were dismissed by Nick Brooke. Andrew Hammond and Joe Southward hit the winning runs with five overs remaining.  |         |
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# Homelands pitch 'will be ready' for fixtures

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

ASHFORD Town boss Steve Lovell is pleased with the progress of his side after their first two pre-season games.

Town began their campaign last week with a 3-3 draw at Hythe Town last Tuesday followed by a 5-2 defeat at the hands of Dover, despite taking the lead early in the first half through Mark Lovell.

Without a win in the first two games, Steve Lovell feels he and his side have learnt what areas they need to work on.

Lovell told Yourashford: "We got a lot of fitness out of the two games and at this point of the season fitness is crucial. The players are not quite match sharp yet and we still have three weeks to go before the season starts to get that. Dover are a good side and I thought we created plenty of chances, which is pleasing to see."

However, a problem with The Homelands pitch forced Saturday's pre-season friendly with Ryman Premier League side Dover to be switched at the last minute to the Whites' home ground at Crabble.

The pitch, which caused nine games to be postponed last season due to water logging, has undergone work with a new drainage sys-



Picture: GOR RUPP

**LATE SWITCH:** Ashford Town were forced to move their match against Dover at The Homelands (pictured) to Crabble

tem introduced over the summer. According to Lovell the pitch was too dangerous and not ready to be played on.

He said: "The pitch has had a lot of work done to it over the summer to improve the drainage. Unfortunately the pitch was watered a bit too much I think before

Saturday's game and the flints and stones used deep down underneath were starting to come through to the surface. It will be ready for our next fixtures though."

Ashford were in action against Blue Square South side Welling United last night. For a report visit [www.yourashford.co.uk](http://www.yourashford.co.uk).

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# So close yet so far for Spitfires

## CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT Spitfires lost their grip on the Twenty20 Cup in a thrilling final at the Rose Bowl.

Rob Key's side lost by three runs as they attempted to overhaul Middlesex Crusaders' total of 187 for six, a record total in a Twenty20 final.

Set such a substantial target, Kent got off to a flier as Joe Denly and Key set about the Middlesex bowling attack, going at more than ten an over for the first five.

The two Kent openers showed that while Twenty20 is about scoring boundaries and getting quick runs, it doesn't have to be about slogs, sweeps and paddles as they each played a succession of elegant cover drives, cuts and pulls to pull their side back into the game.

Key was in terrific form, reaching his half-century off just 30 balls, but it was the introduction of spinners Murali Kartik and veteran Shaun Udal that helped turn the game and they accounted for both Denly and Key.

South African Justin Kemp, struggling for runs for the county this summer, was promoted to number three, where he played the type of innings for which he is renowned.

Kemp smashed three sixes in an entertaining stand of 72 with Darren Stevens as the Spitfires closed in on their target, leaving them requiring 16 from the final over.

The target was then reduced to six off three



**WAIT AND SEE:** Rob Key is sceptical about Kent's chances of playing in the inaugural Champions League later this year

balls. Kemp could manage only two off the first two, meaning the Spitfires had to score three to tie, which would have secured the title courtesy of having lost fewer wickets than Middlesex.

However, Kemp was unable to get the ball away and was run out, handing victory to the Crusaders and, with it, a place in the Stanford

Super Series and a chance to pocket a huge £200,000.

While Key was disappointed not to get his hands on the trophy again, he was pleased with his side's effort at Twenty20 finals day.

He said: "The one thing we haven't done is hide. Generally we have fielded well and it is times like that in big games when you find out

the characters of players and I thought everyone stood up, so it was good.

"That final was a great advert for Twenty20. It was a fantastic effort to have got that close.

"It was pretty frustrating getting out for 50-odd as the stage was set for me to play a serious Twenty20 innings and get us a great victory.

"I always say it is not about the blokes who get out to a good ball for less than 10 – it is those who get in who will win or lose the game. I was one of those who got in and got out."

The day had started well for Spitfires as they cruised to what turned out to be a comfortable 14-run win over the Essex Eagles in the first semi-final of the day.

The Spitfires, together with the Crusaders, will now be entered in the inaugural £2.4 million Champions League against teams from South Africa, Australia and India.

Kent's involvement in the competition, although assured by the England and Wales Cricket Board, is yet to be 100 per cent confirmed by organisers of India's cricket board because of their inclusion of 'rebel' Indian Cricket League stars Justin Kemp and Azhar Mahmood.

Key is sceptical about his side's involvement and is refusing to think about playing in the competition in India until it is confirmed.

He said: "It is a bonus if it happens, but there has been a bit of confusion about it all the way along. We will only know how good it is if an English team walks away with the money and starts turning up for games in much better cars."

"There are so many unanswered questions that I think it is probably a pipe-dream that is not worth us getting carried away about."

## GOLF

# Barham rises up Order of Merit

BENN Barham secured his best ever finish on the European Tour with a third place at the Russian Open in Moscow.

The Chart Hills golfer went into the event 116th in the Order of Merit rankings and a result to keep him firmly in the top 117, which entitles him to a Tour card for next season.

Barham began the competition well with two rounds of 68 and 69, which put him in the top ten.

His third round of 65 saw him surge into the top three and into the lead group for the final round.

However, he could not match Mikael Lundberg who won by two shots.

Barham picked up a cheque for 78,965 euros and has moved to 86th in the Order of Merit rankings.

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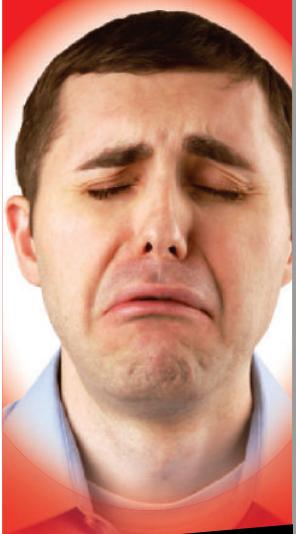
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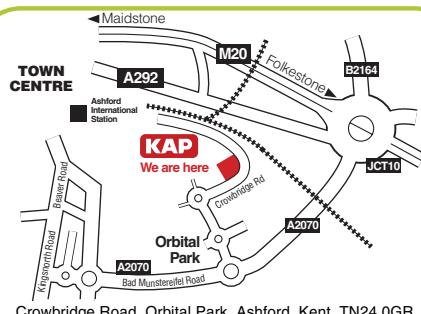
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